

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

- 1.) Please replace the title with the following rewritten title:

Method, Control Device and Network Node for  
Maintaining a Connection When a Request is Pending

- 2.) Please add the following new paragraph after the title on page 1, line 1:

This application claims the benefit of US Provisional Application No. 60/505,902, filed September 25, 2003, the disclosure of which is fully incorporated herein by reference.